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## SHIPPING.

WEEKLY STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under contract with Government, will despatch the S. S. RAJPOOTANA, 2030 Tons, 211 H. P., Commander J. T. Lewis, R.N.R., on SATURDAY, the 21st April, 1877, at 4 P.M., calling at Ratnagherry, Vingorla, Goa, Carwar, Mangalore, Tellicherry, Calicut, Berpore, Cochin, Alleppey, Tuticorin, Colombo, Galle, Negapatam, Pondicherry, Madras, Callingapatam, Coconada, Vizagapatam, Bimlipatam, Gopalpore, False Point and at any other place where inducement offers.

Cargo for Singapore and China can be booked fortnightly by the steamers on this line hence or from intermediate ports for transhipment at Galle to the Steamers of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes de la France which run regularly.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

WEEKLY STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF, via KURRACHEE.

Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussorah, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company or other Steamers.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch the S. S. PUTTIALLA, 840 Tons, 140 H.P., Commander Wm. Crowder, on THURSDAY, the 26th April, 1877, at 4 P.M., to the PERSIAN GULF, touching at KURRACHEE, GWADER, JASK, BUNDERABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, FAO, BUSREH and occasionally at BAHREIN and MAHOMERAH.

N.B—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

BI-WEEKLY STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will, during the Fair Season, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every THURSDAY at 4 P.M., and an Extra Steamer on every TUESDAY at 10 A.M.

The S. S. VINGORLA, 572 Tons, 138 H. P., Commander A. Gray, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 24th April 1877, at 10 A.M., calling at Verawul, Fore Bundor, Mangrole and Cutch Mandvie.

The S. S. PUTTIALLA, 840 Tons, 140 H. P., Commander Wm. Crowder, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 26th April 1877, at 4 P.M.

N. B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY via SUEZ CANAL.

ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. RUBATTINO & Co., GENOA.

THE REGULAR STEAMERS LEAVE GENOA and BOMBAY on the 24th, and on the 1st of each month.

*For extra steamers see list given below.*

PASSENGERS' RATES.

Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aden | £22 | £15 | £4 | Without food. |
| Suez | 36 | 22 | 8 | |
| Port Said | 38 | 24 | 9 | |
| Messina | 50 | 34 | 14 | |
| Naples | 50 | 34 | 14 | |
| Leghorn | 50 | 34 | 14 | |
| Genoa | 50 | 34 | 14 | |
| Marseilles | 55 | 36 | 14-10 | |

Including Wine.

Children under 2 years—free of charge. Children not above 10 years—half fare.

NEXT STEAMERS FROM BOMBAY :—

BATAVIA, to sail on TUESDAY, 1st May 1877.
INDIA, to sail on SUNDAY, 25th May 1877.
AUSTRALIA, to sail on FRIDAY, 1st June 1877.
SUMATRA to sail on SUNDAY, 1st July 1877.
BATAVIA to sail on WEDNESDAY, 1st August 1877.

All Steamers of this Company have large First and Second Class accommodation ; and always carry a Doctor and a Stewardess on board.

The steamers of this Company, as a rule, start precisely at 10 A.M. Any unavoidable detention will, however, be advertised at least one day previously.

For hand-books of information, rates of freight, &c., apply to

C. GRONDONA,
Agent Rubattino Steam Navigation Company,
No. 9, Hummum Street.

Bombay, 20th January 1877.

HALL LINE OF STEAMERS.

BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL,
VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE S. S. TRENTHAM HALL, 2,063 Tons register. 300 H. P. nominal. Captain James Shaw, will be despatched on the 23rd inst., and will be followed by the

S. S. BRANKSOME HALL, 2,054 Tons register, 300 H.P. nominal, Captain BRAND, on the 19th May, and by the

S. S. CITY OF BALLTIMORE, 2,100 Tons register, 300 H. P. nominal, Captain THOMAS COLLINS, on the 9th June, and by the

S. S. CHILDWALL HALL, 2,060 Tons register, 300 H.P. nominal, Captain TREGARTHEN, about the 23rd June.

RATE OF PASSAGE MONEY, Rs. 500 TO LIVERPOOL.

For passage, apply to
KING, KING & Co.
or to
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Agents.

N.—Messrs. HENRY S. KING and Co. and Messrs. KING BAILLIE and Co. are the Passenger Agents for this Line in London and Liverpool respectively. Arrangements for remittances, Sovereigns, Circular Notes, Shipment of Baggage, etc. will be attended to by Messrs. KING and Co. here.

Bombay, 10th April 1877.

ANCHOR LINE—INDIAN SERVICE.

BOMBAY TO NAPLES & LIVERPOOL, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE S. S. ITALIA, Capt. Js. Donaldson, will sail on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd May. She will be followed by the—

S. S. INDIA,

2,289 Tons Register, 500 H.P. nominal, on the 23rd May, and by the—

S. S. MACEDONIA,

2,272 Tons Register, 486 H.P. nominal, on the 2nd June.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY.

TO NAPLES ..... Rs. 460
TO LIVERPOOL ..... Rs. 500

Passengers desirous of making a short stay in Italy, may disembark at Naples and proceed on to Liverpool by the following steamer, and passengers disembarking at Naples can have their heavy baggage taken on to Liverpool without any extra charge.

Messrs. HOLME & Co., the Company's Agents at Naples, will render any assistance and tender any information required by the Passengers.

For passage, &c., apply to
W. & A. GRAHAM & Co.,
Agents.

Bombay, 18th April 1877.

NOTICE.—ANCHOR LINE, INDIAN SERVICE.—CONSIGNEES of CARGO, per S. S. ITALIA, are hereby informed of the Steamer's ARRIVAL from GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL, and are requested to present their BILLS of LADING, and to TAKE DELIVERY of their respective GOODS without delay.

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.

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## SHIPPING.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

THE following or other first-class Vessels will be despatched for EUROPE :—

| Vessels. | Ons. H.P. | Captains. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| S. MALWA | 2903 | 450 | P. S. Tonilin ..... 23rd Apr. |
| — NIZAM | 2725 | 450 | A. E. Barlow ..... 30th do. |
| S. ASSAM | 3033 | 500 | N. Stewart ..... 7th May. |
| — THIBET | 2593 | 400 | G. F. Cates ..... 14th do. |
| S. SURAT | 3141 | 530 | G. C. Borne ..... 21st do. |

Passengers are booked to ADEN, SUEZ, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON by every Mail. The Steamers marked S. proceed direct to Southampton ; but by the others Passengers change vessels at Suez, and those for Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, and Marseilles are conveyed by Rail from Suez to Alexandria.

A small Steamer will leve the New Dock Head at Mazagon, at 3 P.M. precisely on the day of sailing.

F. D. PARKER, Acting Superintendent.

Bombay, 24th February 1877.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On MONDAY, the 30th April 1877, at 3 P. M., from Mazagon.

THE P. and O. Co.'s S.S. KASHGAR, (2,621 Tons and 450 H. P.), Captain E. J. Baker, will be despatched as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of Opium, the Officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's Office before Noon, on FRIDAY, the 27th April 1877.

F. D. PARKER, Acting Superintendent.

Bombay, 17th April 1877.

STEAM TO KING GEORGE'S SOUND, ADELAIDE, MELBOURNE, AND SYDNEY.

THE following Steamers will be despatched for the above ports (calling at Galle) :—

| Vessels. | Tons. H.P. | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TRAVANCORE | 1900 | 350 | Capt W. Barratt, 28th April at 3 P. M. |
| BANGALORE | 2063 | 593 | Capt G.N. Hector, 28th May, at 3 P. M. |
| AVOCA | 1432 | 250 | Capt E. G. Stoad, 23rd June, at 3 P. M. |

F. D. PARKER, Acting Superintendent.

Bombay, 5th April 1877.

## SALES BY AUCTION.

MENESSE AND COMPANY.

AUCTION SALE of Valuable and Handsome Household Furniture Plated, Glass and Crockery Ware, a first class square Piano, a handsome English built Victoria Phaeton and a powerful Grey Arab Horse and Harness complete, Aden Cow and Calf, etc., etc., at Bandora Hill.

On SATURDAY, the 28th instant, at 2 P.M., Messrs. MENESS and Company are instructed to submit to Public Auction, at Bandora Hill, the valuable and handsome household furniture, plated, glass, and crockery ware, piano, carriage, horse, harness, cow and calf, etc., etc., of R. Pite, Esq.

Full particulars will be given hereafter and the property will be on view three days previous to the sale.

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 20th April 1877.

JEHANGHIER HORMUSJEE & COMPANY, No. 12, APOLLO STREET, FORT.

AUCTION SALE of valuable and handsome household furniture, plated, glass and crockeryware, porcelainware and plants of various kind, at Colaba Depot.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 20th instant, Messrs. JEHANGHIER HORMUSJEE & Co. will sell by public Auction at his residence, at the abovementioned place, the valuable and handsome household furniture, the property of Dr. C. Codrington, the same consisting of blackwood carved round tables, side boards, tea poys, towel horses, camp and diningtables, chairs, hat stand, hanging argand lamps, harmonium best music box, playing 8 airs, plated dish cover, tea sets, cruet frames, plated candlesticks, crockery ware and cooking utensils, saddle and bridles, garden and carpenter's tools, a best selection of various kinds of plants in pots &c., &c., !

The property is now on view.

JEHANGHIER HORMUSJEE & Co.

Bombay, 20th April 1877.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

INDIAN TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

PASSENGERS by Rail or Boat arriving in Bombay will find full and accurate information regarding every ROUTE to TRAVEL from this City to other parts of India and abroad, in the "INDIAN TRAVELLERS' GUIDE," published at the *Bombay Gazette* Press on the 1st of each month. This "Guide" is the only one published in Bombay, and containing alterations, the service of Trains and Steamers on this side of India corrected up to date. The "Guide" has an excellent Railway Map of India, and an Introduction giving much useful information to Strangers staying a week or two in Bombay.

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THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), will despatch the S.S. CASHMERE, 1,082 Tons, 200 H. P., Commander R. Henderson, as above on TUESDAY, the 1st May 1877, at 4 P.M. She will also take Cargo and Passengers for Hodeida, Joddah, Suez, &c., for transfer to the Company's London Line Steamer AGRA at Aden.

For Freight and Passage apply to

W. NICOL & Co.,
Agents.

Bombay, 20th April 1877.

NOTICE.

HALL LINE OF STEAMERS.

S. S. TRENTHAM HALL.

PASSENGERS per above Steamer are requested to be on board not later than 11-30 A. M. TO-MORROW, as she will sail at NOON punctually.

All heavy baggage should be sent off To-day.

The Company's Steam Launch will run between the Apollo Bunder and the steamer from 9 o'clock To-morrow Morning for the convenience of Passengers.

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co.,
Agents.

Bombay, 20th April 1877.

S. S. SEVERN FROM RANGOON.—CONSIGNEES are hereby informed of the ARRIVAL of this Steamer, and are requested to PRESENT their BILLS of LADING and DELIVERY ORDERS to us for signature, and to SEND OFF BOATS forthwith to receive their respective GOODS as they come to hand.

Captain Skinner will not be accountable for the condition of any package after it leaves the steamer's Deck.

WALLACE & Co.,
Agents for Captain.

Bombay, 19th April 1877.

NOTICE.—BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.—An ADJOURNED SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the MUNICIPAL CORPORATION of BOMBAY, as already advertised, will be held here TO-DAY at 3 P. M.

H. WYNFORD HARROW,
Clerk, Municipal Corporation, and Secretary, Town Council.

Municipal Offices, Bombay, 20th April 1877.

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For immediate sale good bargain. Apply to the MANAGER of the *Bombay Gazette*.

JUBILEE MEETING.—THE ANNUAL MEETING of the BOMBAY TRACT and BOOK SOCIETY will be held in the Baptist Chapel, Bellasis Road, on TUESDAY, 24th April. REV. GEO. BOWEN will occupy the Chair. The Report for the past year will be read and the Meeting addressed by various Ministers and Laymen. Tea will be served at half-past 7 o'clock. Admission by Tickets (FREE) which may be had on application to THE SECRETARY at the Depository, Dhobie Talao.

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NOTICE OF THE SALE OF TRAVANCORE CARDAMOMS.—There will be offered FOR SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION at the Commercial Godowns, Alleppey, at 2 o'clock P. M., on MONDAY, the 7th May 1877, about 35 Candies more or less of TRAVANCORE CARDAMOMS in bulk, the crop of the present season. At the same time and place a quantity of COFFEE, BEESWAX, IVORY and DAMMER will also be sold.

2. The Cardamoms will be put up in lots of 10 Candies each or less at the request of the intending purchasers.

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FOR SALE, at the GODOWNS of the UNDERSIGNED, a SMALL CONSIGNMENT of CHAMPAGNE of the MONTESELLO VINTAGE. Quarts, Rs. 33 ; Pints, Rs. 18.

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THE Y. M. C. ASSOCIATION will hold an OPEN-AIR SERVICE for NATIVES, at 5-30 THIS EVENING, near the QUEEN'S STATUE.

## BOMBAY TO EUROPE.

PASSENGERS FROM OUT-STATIONS, CALCUTTA, MADRAS, &c., &c.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MEDOC, an excellent cup wine | 11 | 8 | ... | | 12 | 0 | ... | |
| ST. ESTEPHE, a sound agreeable breakfast wine. | 14 | 0 | 15 | 12 | 14 | 8 | 16 | 8 |
| CANTENAC, a very superior breakfast wine | 15 | 12 | 17 | 12 | 16 | 8 | 18 | 8 |
| ST. JULIEN, an excellent dinner wine | 17 | 12 | 19 | 12 | 18 | 8 | 20 | 8 |
| LAROSE, a fine full-bodied dinner wine | 20 | 8 | 22 | 8 | 21 | 8 | 23 | 8 |
| RAUZAN, a most delicious after dinner wine | 26 | 4 | ... | | 27 | 8 | ... | |
| MOUTON, an unsurpassed after dinner wine | 31 | 0 | 33 | 0 | 32 | 8 | 34 | 8 |

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| French Cambric do., Collar attached | 5 0 | Ladies' Woollen Petticoats or Overland Portmanteaus or Overland Trunks | 12-8 to 23 0 | Folding Camp Beadstead | 8 8 |
| English Cambric do | 4 8 | Solid Leather do | 49 0 | Cork Mattrasses | 19 8 |
| Best Shrunk Flannel do | 8 0 | Extra Large do | 75 0 | Cotton do | 15 0 |
| Silk and Wool do | 8 8 | Black Hide Bags | 11 8 | Rug Straps | 1-8 to 3 0 |
| Spun Silk do | 11 | Extra large do | 24 0 | Waterproof Coats | 10 0 |
| Gents' Under Vests | 3-8 to 6 0 | Gladstone Bags | 35 0 | 60-Inch Drab Twill Waterproof Sheeting | 6 0 |
| Bathing Drawers | 2 0 | Ladies' Hand Bags | 7 8 | 42-Inch White Waterproof | 4 8 |
| Gents' Under Pants | 4 to 6 8 | Travelling Writing Cases fitted | 11 4 | Linen Faced Collars doz. | 0 12 |
| Gents' Cotton Socks, doz. | 8 8 | Gents' Bags, fitted complete | 72 0 | Linen Faced Cuffs per doz. | 1 8 |
| Warm do | 15 8 | Ladies' Carriage Bags, fitted complete | 58 8 | Linen Cuffs per doz. | 13 8 |
| Ladies' Under Vests | 4-8 to 6 8 | Children's White Cotton Socks, from doz. | 6-8 to 12 8 | Linen Collars | doz. 6 0 |
| Ladies' White Cotton Hose doz. | 13 8 | Heather Merino do. | 6-8 to 12 8 | Cambric Handkerchiefs | 5 0 |
| Ladies' Heather Merino Hose doz. | 9 0 | Ladies' Sun and Travelling Hats, from | 6 to 15 0 | Warm Gloves | 1 0 |
| Children's White Cotton Socks, from doz. | 6-8 to 12 8 | Gents' Pigskin Dressing Cases, complete | 25 to 30 0 | Pocket Knives | 2 8 |
| Heather Merino do. | 6-8 to 12 8 | Soiled Linen Bags, all sizes | 5 to 6 0 | Children's Gloves | 1 to 1 8 |
| Ladies' Sun and Travelling Hats, from | 6 to 15 0 | | | Mitts | 1 8 |
| | | | | Mufflers | 2 12 |
| | | | | Ladies' Cotton Hose | 1 0 |
| | | | | Sailors' Knot | 1-8 to 3 0 |
| | | | | Whitlock's Fur Bow or Ring | 1-8 to 4 0 |
| | | | | Gents' Canvas Shoes | 2 12 |
| | | | | Gents' Slippers | 2 8 |
| | | | | Ladies' Shoes | 2 12 |
| | | | | China Bath Slippers | 1 8 |
| | | | | Fliters for Travellers complete | 11 4 |
| | | | | Tiffin Baskets fitted | 16 to 22 8 |
| | | | | Air Pillows | 3 0 |
| | | | | Travelling do | 7 8 |
| | | | | Do. Horse Hair do | 7 8 |
| | | | | Folding Camp Beadstead | 8 8 |
| | | | | Aromatic Vinegar per bot | 2 0 |
| | | | | To-th Brush Guards | 0 10 |
| | | | | Do. Brushes | 0 12 |
| | | | | Nail Do | 0 12 |
| | | | | Hair Brushes and Combs in Pigskin cases | 9-8 to 12 8 |
| | | | | Razors, Ivory Handles | 3 2 |
| | | | | Do. Strops | 3-8 to 4 0 |
| | | | | Nail Scissors | 1-8 to 1 8 |
| | | | | Brier Root Pipes | 1 12 |
| | | | | Tobacco Pouches | 1 8 |
| | | | | Champagne Taps | 8 8 |
| | | | | Pocket Knives | 2 8 |
| | | | | Marine Soap, 3 cakes for | 0 12 |
| | | | | Shaving do Stick | 1 0 |
| | | | | Lloyd's Exercise | 1 4 |
| | | | | Oriental Tooth Paste | 1 8 |
| | | | | Fragrant Florelline | 1 8 |
| | | | | Luggage Labels, per doz. | 0 12 |
| | | | | Lloyd's Life-Saving apparatus | 12 8 |
| | | | | Overland Chairs best Beach | 5-8 to 12 8 |

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It is difficult to convey in an advertisement even an approximate idea of the qualities of the "INDIAN PIANETTE." SOUNDY & Co. would, therefore, invite intending purchasers of a Piano to see and judge for themselves. The instrument is made of SOLID CANADIAN WALNUT with black mouldings in relief ; it has an entire iron frame, which render the strings quite independent of any wood bracings, which are not used in this Piano. THE PIN PLANK is firmly encased in the iron frame and securely bolted, so that it cannot possibly be affected by extremes of climate. THE SOUNDING BOARD is made of the very best seasoned wood and the bars are screwed upon quite a new principle. THE ACTION is of the very best construction and is DOUBLE CHECK, which gives a most delicate touch with great precision. The instrument has a TRICHORD TREBLE, which gives VOLUME and BRILLIANCY equal to a grand Piano, and the tone throughout is of a beautiful singing quality which renders it peculiarly adapted for brilliant pieces as well as an accompaniment to the voice. It has a FULL GRAND COMPASS OF 7 OCTAVES, so that the most modern and difficult works can be performed on the instrument.

The variations of climate, causing equal contraction and expansion of iron frame and strings together, the INDIAN PIANETTE, from its peculiar construction, will stand longer in tune than Pianos made upon any other system.

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# COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

THURSDAY EVENING, 19TH APRIL 1877.

CONSOLS yesterday morning recovered from 94⅛ and French Rentes from 104½ to 104⅝, which, coming in conjunction with Reuter's telegram from Simla respecting Frontier affairs, gave a somewhat more hopeful tone to public opinion this morning. The later advices from Europe, however, hold out little prospect of a declaration of war between Russia and Turkey being much longer postponed, although the semi-official announcement from Berlin that the other Powers will endeavour to localise hostilities as much as possible may not be without a good effect.

Cotton in Liverpool yesterday, owing doubtless to the slightly better political feeling indicated by Consols, showed rather more steadiness. The sales reached 10,000 bales, and although spot prices were unchanged, arrival rates were firmer, private messages reporting Good Fair Dholleras, April-May shipment, via Cape, at 5d. per lb. In Manchester Piece Goods, too, showed a better feeling, although there was not much business doing. It is just possible that after the great depression of the past week we may see a little temporary improvement again; but should war be actually declared, it is scarcely probable that any reaction can be more than temporary, as the large stocks in Liverpool must continue to act as a drag on prices for some time to come.

Yesterday's telegrams from New York quote ready Mid. Uplands still at 11¼ cents., but July shipment is given at 11⅛ cents., an advance of ⅛ cent. per lb. The receipts of Cotton at the U. S. ports to date are as follows:—

| | 1877. This week. | Last week. | 1876. | 1875. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wednesday's Receipts.... | 5,000 | 4,000 | 5,000 | 4,000 |
| Five days' do. ..... | 15,000 | 17,000 | 21,000 | 16,000 |
| Total since 1st Sept. | 3,778,000 | ..... | 3,878,000 | 3,276,000 |

Coffee in London yesterday was unaltered as also Cocoanut Oil. Bombay Linseed has further advanced 1s. 6d., Calcutta 6d., Ferozepore Rapeseed 1s., and Calcutta 2s. per quarter.

At the usual weekly biddings for Council drafts on India in London yesterday, £265,000 were offered and all taken up by telegraph, £165,000 to Calcutta at an average of 1s. 9·77d. and £100,000 to Bombay at an average of 1s. 9·69d. Tenders on Calcutta at 1s. 9⅛d. received 19 per cent., and on Bombay 39 per cent. of the amounts applied for. These rates are somewhat lower than was generally expected on this side, and by some people this is interpreted as an indication that the worst of the monetary pressure here is now over. Exchange certainly is easier, and money is obtainable on more unfavourable terms, buyers of 60 days' sight drafts on Calcutta having come out at 97⅜ to 98 and of demand at par, while the Bank of Bombay is reported to have afforded accommodation to some of the Exchange Banks. All this has a better appearance and it is not improbable that the pressure may gradually relax somewhat. On the other hand however, the Bank of Bengal in Calcutta have advanced their rates of interest and discount one per cent. to-day, and it would be premature to conclude that we are at once to see a return to the extreme ease which prevailed three weeks or a month ago.

Bar Silver in London, according to Reuter, has advanced to 55d. per oz., equivalent to about 1s. 9¼d. per rupee. As we pointed out yesterday, however, the demand for Silver must now become more limited as the export season draws towards a close.

STERLING EXCHANGE opened this morning with a decidedly quieter feeling, the result of the comparatively moderate rates obtained for Council drafts coupled with the more hopeful view taken of politics on this side, and the news from Calcutta at the same time being somewhat more reassuring, the Banks became willing buyers and very indifferent sellers with a decline in rates of fully ⅛d. all round. Whether this may be taken as the commencement of a rapid reaction it is difficult to say. A number of people are unquestionably of that opinion and probably sellers will keep out of the market as much as possible with that view, but everything depends on money, and until we can see decided symptoms of renewed ease in that respect, there can be no feeling of certainty as to the course of Exchange, although at the present level a decline may be taken as pretty certain in the long run. We quote now:—

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| Bank Bills, on demand..... ..... | 1s. 9¼d. per rupee. |
| Bank Bills, 6 months' sight ..... | 1s. 9 13-16d. ,, |
| Credits 3 months' sight..... | 1s. 9 15-16d. ,, |
| Documents, 3 months' sight..... | 1s. 10d. ,, |

GOVERNMENT PAPER is still quite unquotable. Some small transactions are reported to have taken place in Fours at Rs. 92, but for an amount there would neither be buyers nor sellers at the rate.

The SHARE MARKET has again been extremely quiet, and prices, where changed at all, are generally in favour of buyers. Banks are unaltered, as also are Land Companies. In Press shares we notice a decline of Rs. 10 in Mofussils and Scinde Press. Spinning and Weaving shares are weaker. Soondercas are Rs. 50, Madras United Rs. 15, Dhurrumsey, Fleming, Khandeish and Nursey Rs. 10 per share lower. Bombay-Burmah Trading Co.'s shares are Rs. 40 lower.

COTTON has been in decidedly improved request to-day, partly owing to the firmer accounts from Liverpool and partly to the downward tendency of Exchange. A fair business was done on the Green this morning at an advance of Rs. 2 to Rs. 3 per candy, but upcountry agents have been by no means anxious sellers even at the improvement. Yesterday's receipts were 10,098 bales, making a total of 56,344 bales for the six days. We quote:—

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| Good Ginned Broach, Ready..... | Rs. | 194 | per Candy f. p. |
| Good Omra | ,, ..... | 174 | ,, ,, |
| F. G. F. do. | ,, ..... | 170 | ,, ,, |
| G. F. do. | ,, ..... | 167 | ,, ,, |
| Good Dhollera | May ..... | 175 | ,, ,, |
| F. G. F. do. | ,, ..... | 170 | ,, ,, |
| G. F. do. | ,, ..... | 168 | ,, ,, |

FREIGHTS by steamer were very weak in the morning, and business was done for Liverpool at £1-12 16, but later on the Zante was withdrawn from berth, having been chartered Home from Kurrachee, and £1-15 is now the current quotation. By sailing ship there is a fair enquiry for Liverpool at £2 2·6 per ton by iron vessels.

PIECE GOODS continue extremely dull. Clearances from the Bazaar are small and generally affected at a daily concession in price, while from first hands there is virtually nothing doing.

COALS have been in strong request since receipt of the warlike telegrams to hand at noon. There are buyers of all descriptions at an advance of As. 4 per ton on yesterday's rates, but we have not heard of any actual business, there being few sellers.

## SHIPPING INTELIGENCE.

THE BRIG KEERATA ROODRIN, 155 tons, Nacoda, arrived in harbour on the 18th instant from Cochin (April 3rd), with a general cargo.

THE SHIP KILKERRAN, 1,199 tons, Captain C. Lowe, arrived in harbour yesterday from Cardiff (December 21st) with a general cargo of 1,638 tons coal. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Finlay, Muir & Co.

THE S. S. SEVERN, 825 tons, Captain J. Skinner, arrived in harbour yesterday from Rangoon (April 7th), with a cargo of 11,675 bags rice and a quantity of timber. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Wallace & Co.

THE SHIP CITY OF BOSTON, 1062 tons, Captain J. R. Crosby, arrived in harbour on the 18th instant from Calcutta (February 27th), with a general cargo. The vessel is consigned to Kc. Visrambhoy Ebram.

THE SHIP EAST LOTHIAN, 1,380 tons, Captain A. Hamilton, arrived in harbour on the 18th instant from Glasgow (December 25th), with a cargo of 1,789 tons coals. The vessel is consigned to Mr. Nusserwanjee Manockjee.

THE B. I. S. N. Co.'s S. S. COCONADA, 547, tons, Captain A. Morris, sailed yesterday for Persian Gulf via Kurrachee, with a general cargo and the following passengers.—Sub. Lieut. W. A. Canop, Mr. Dhurumsey Narron, and sixty-eight deck passengers.

THE B. I. S. N. Co.'s S. S. VINGORLA, 315 tons, Captain A. Gray, arrived in harbour yesterday from Katywar Coast and Kurrachee, with a general cargo, and the following passengers:—Mr. and Miss. Gell, Apoth. Church, and two hundred and ninety deck passengers.

THE P. AND O. C.'s S. S. NIZAM, 1,727 tons, Captain A. E. Barlow, arrived in harbour yesterday from Aden and Suez, with the English Mails and the following cargo.—4 cases gold thread, 9 cases saffron, 499 packages piece goods, 76 bales twist, 19 packages provisions, 5 cases umbrellas, 9 packages wine, 22 cases metal, 118 packages beads, 16 packages color, 600 bags pumice, 6 boxes specie, 893 boxes silver, and many other packages merchandise.

ARRIVALS.

| Apr. | Vessels. | Commanders. | From. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 18 | Keerata Roodrin ..... | Nacoda ..... | Cochin, April 3. |
| | City of Boston..... | Crosby ..... | Calcutta, Feb 27. |
| | East Lothian ..... | Hamilton ..... | Glasgow, Dec 29. |
| 19 | Calipso (s) ..... | Sarra ..... | Trieste, March 25. |
| | Severn (s)..... | Skinner..... | Rangoon, April 7. |
| | Nizam (s)..... | Barlow ..... | Venice, March 23. |
| | Kilkerran..... | Lowe ..... | Cardiff, Dec 21. |
| | Vingorla (s)..... | Gray ..... | Kurrachee, April 16. |
| | Pearl (s) ..... | McGregor..... | Mandvee, April 17. |

DEPARTURES.

| Apr. | Vessels. | Commanders. | Destination s. |
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| 19 | Good Hope (s)..... | Johnson ..... | Dunkirk. |
| | Coconada (s) ..... | Morris ..... | P Gulf via Kurrachee. |
| | Hindostan ..... | Belyen ..... | Calcutta. |
| | Aldergrove (s) ..... | Fullerton ..... | Liverpool. |

The following vessels were entered out for loading yesterday:—
Steamer Italian, to Liverpool.
Steamer Nizam, to Aden and Suez.
Steamer Calipso, to Trieste, &c.
Steamer Kashgar, to China, &c.
Steamer Travancore, to Australia, &c.
Steamer Pearl, to Coast and Cutch.
Steamer Rajpootana, to Coast and Calcutta.

### CALCUTTA.

April. ARRIVALS.
10. Timor (s) ..... Brown ..... Madras, April 13.
Indus (s) ..... Shallard ..... Southampton, March 9
April. DEPARTURES.
15 Sultan (s) ..... ..... .....
Mira (s)..... ..... .....
PASSENGERS.
Per Indus—From Southampton—Mr and Mrs Taylor, son and daughter, Mrs Springham and son, Major Garton, Mr G H Walkerdine, Revd C C Dalben, Mr R Cornish. From Suez—1 Native servant. From Brindisi—Miss M Schmidt, Mr J B Schmidt, Mr Franklin Reeves. From Galle—Mr J Legatt, Mr Yeaman-Wick. From Madras—Mis Haro, Miss Gray, Mr J Brown, Mr J N Fleming, and Mr A B Cobb.

### ADEN.

ARRIVALS.
Mar. 10 Kwang Tung, I G S, Campbell, from Perim.
24 Vestal, H M S, Hand, from Hodeida.
25 Excelsior, ship, Joslin, from Cardiff.
27 Fez Rabannee, ship, Nacoda, from Calcutta.
28 Fateh Rahiman, barque, Nacoda, from Singapore.
29 Mohussur, ship, Nacoda, from Calcutta.
30 Commonwealth, ss, Smith, from Sunderland.
31 Dalhousie, I G S, Morland, from Kurrachee.
April 2 Vulture, H M G boat Washington, from Sheerness.
4 Gwalior, ss, Babot, from Southampton.
4 Scilla, It G boat, Sanfelice, from Suez.
5 Chalydra, ss, Goul', from Bassein.
5 Ferd Vander Talen, ss, Copponelle, from Bassein.
8 Sarthe, F T ship, Tanon, from Toulon.
6 John Adamson, ss, Eggleton, from Cochin.
6 Caradoc, ss, Young, from Bombay.
7 Meikong, ss, Fouche, from Marseilles.
7 Yorkshire, ss, Langley, from Calcutta.
7 Poonah, ss, Angove, from Calcutta.
7 Kwang Tung, I G S., Campbell, from Perim.
7 Misser E., ss, Mahamed, from Berbera.
7 Bienheim, ss, Ockenden, from Bombay.
8 Stale of Al-bama, ss, Hamlin, from Rangoon.
8 Lufra, ss, Periam, from Akyab.
9 Heselden, ss, Rooke, from Rangoon.
9 Tarn, F T. ship, Roccmsure, from Saigon.
9 Pera, ss, Hyde, from Bombay.
9 Octava, ss, Hansen, from Rangoon.
9 Hermod, ss, Olsen, from Cardiff.
9 Sumatra, ss, Caboara, from Bombay.
9 Gloria, ss, Larrinaga, from Liverpool.
10 Futtay Rahamin, ship, Nacoda, from Calcutta.
10 Tuscany, ss, Green, from Bombay.
10 Sarah Anne, ss, Clarke, from Rangoon.
10 Royal Crown, ss, Thompson, from Saigon.
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10 Royal Crown, ss, Thompson, from Saigon.
10 Woodburn, ss, Thompson, from Rangoon.
10 Rokeby, ss, Summerveen, from Rangoon.
10 Tar E G., boat, Ahmed, from Berbara.
10 Diadem, ss, Carpenter, from Rangoon.
10 Batavia, ss, Crocco, from Genova.
10 Scio, ss, Seaborne, from Kurrachee.
10 Futtay Rahamin, ship, Nacoda, from Calcutta.
10 Tuscany, ss, Green, from Bombay.
10 Sarah Anne, ss, Clarke, from Rangoon.
10 Royal Crown, ss, Thompson, from Rango

# SPECIAL TELEGRAMS FOR THE BOMBAY GAZETTE.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

CALCUTTA, 19TH APRIL.

The Lieut.-Governor and Staff, with a portion of the Secretariat, will leave for Darjeeling on the 7th prox.

Cholera is raging at Akyab and the native population are being decimated. Six Europeans died in one day.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

## THE BERLIN PRESS ON THE SITUATION.

BERLIN, 18TH APRIL.

The semi-official *Correspondenz* of Berlin in an article to-day states that since no hope can now be entertained of averting war between Russia and Turkey that the Powers will endeavour to localise it.

## CIRCULAR OF PRINCE GORTSCHAKOFF.

ST. PETERSBURG, 18TH APRIL.

A Circular Despatch from Prince Gorischakoff has been issued, in which he justifies a proclamation of war against Turkey.

It is expected that an Imperial Manifesto will be issued before hostilities are commenced.

## THE FEELING IN TURKEY.

CONSTANTINOPE, 18TH APRIL.

The expulsion of all Russian subjects from Turkey is expected. The Russian Embassy here will leave next week.

The Kashgar Envoy has had an audience with the Sultan.

*** The foregoing telegrams were issued in our Extra Edition at 12 noon yesterday.—ED. *B.G.*

## THE INCOMING MAILS.

ADEN, 19TH APRIL.

The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company's s. s. Thibet, with the outward London mails of 6th April, left here for Bombay at 5 A.M. to-day.

## STEAMER MOVEMENT.

ADEN, 19TH APRIL.

The B. I. S. N. Company's Steamer Patna, outward bound for the Persian Gulf and Kurrachee, left here to-day.

LONDON, 18TH APRIL, AFT.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed steadier. Surats steadier.

The London Cotton Market has been quiet.

Fair Dhollera ..... 4 15-16

In the Manchester Market there has been a better feeling but not much business.

3 per cent. Consols for account .... 94⅞

5 per cent. French Rente, 1872 .....104⅜

Bar Silver..... 55

Arrival—Egbert.

Departure—India.

## MAP OF THE SEAT OF WAR.

WITH the *Bombay Gazette* of Monday, April 23, will be issued, as a Supplement, a large-sized Coloured Map of Turkey in Europe and Bessarabia, compiled from the latest and most authentic sources, and showing the roads and railways, the rivers, mountains and mountain passes, and the names of all the places given in Keith Johnston's Royal Atlas. The Map is lithographed on good paper so that it may be kept as a guide to the operations of the approaching campaign.

The Map will be presented *gratis* to all subscribers to the *Gazette*, and to all persons who may become subscribers for a period of not less than three months before the end of April.

To non-subscribers the price of the Map will be one rupee a copy.

Copies of the Map can be mounted on cloth at this office at a further charge of six annas a copy.

*Bombay Gazette* Office, April 19, 1877.

## POLITICAL TELEGRAMS.

EXTRAS, containing the Political Telegrams received during the day, will be issued in future from this office during business hours. The charge for delivery of these Extras to subscribers to the daily paper will be Rs. 2 a month. To non-subscribers, the Extras will be sold at the rate of one anna each. Subscribers who wish to receive the Extras regularly will be good enough to send their names to be registered.

April 18, 1877.

## STEAMER REPORT.

TRINCOMALLE, 19TH APRIL, 9 P. M.

H. M. S. Tamar left for Singapore.

## RATES OF EXCHANGE ON LONDON.

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| Bank Bills, on demand | Rs. 9 4 | per Rupee. |
| Bank Bills, 6 months' sight | Rs. 9 13-16d. | ,, |
| Credits, 3 months' sight | Rs. 9 15-16d. | ,, |
| Documents, 3 months' sight | Rs. 10d. | ,, |
| Sovereigns | Rs. 11-8 each. | |

It is said that Mr. Albert Grant's pictures, which are to be sold by Messrs. Christie, Manson, and Woods next month, have been valued by a competent authority at £500,000 sterling.

We observe in the *Illustrated London News* a very truthful picture of the Bombay Sailors' Home. The *Graphic* contains interesting sketches and portraits of the Missionary Bishops of Southern India, Dr. Caldwell and Dr. Sargent.

The *Statesman* publishes the following special telegram, dated London, April 14:—

THE GRAND NATIONAL.

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| Austerlitz ..... | 1 |
| Congress..... | 2 |
| Liberator ..... | 3 |

THE Secretary of State for India has lately suggested to the Madras Government that the High Court should warn the District Judges to avoid as far as possible becoming the guests of those who are interested in cases, civil and criminal, which will eventually be submitted to the Judges' decision. This will be particularly hard, a contemporary thinks, upon the proposed native Judges, as, the majority of litigants in the mofussil being natives, the Judges will be deprived to a great extent of the society of their fellow-countrymen.

SPECIAL telegrams to the *Times* from Odessa report that, apart from the demobilized corps and the corps appointed for the defence of Kostendji, the Russian Army of the South is 250,000 strong, and possesses 700 field-guns. All the corps are on a perfect war footing. Odessa is stated to be completely secured against an attack from the sea by about 700 torpedoes which have been laid, and a series of fortifications well planned and admirably armed. The garrison of Odessa is about 10,000 strong, and in the neighbourhood there are large masses of troops in cantonments.

THE *Whitehall Review* says:—"An arrangement has been made between the India Office and the War Office by which the Staff College at Sandhurst will be thrown open to the officers of the Indian Staff Corps; and provision is to be made for the examinations in July next in India of a number of candidates for representing the local army. A limit will of course be imposed, as is done in the case of the Royal Artillery, Engineers and Marines; but there is some satisfaction in knowing that the obstacles which have so long existed have been removed, and that Indian officers will now benefit to the same extent as imperial officers."

A KULU correspondent of a contemporary gives an extraordinary account of a leopard being stoned to death by four men. It appears that the leopard attacked a zemindar in broad day light, and would probably have killed him had not his brother, who was luckily near at hand, picked up a large stone and taken a pot shot at the leopard with it; it most fortunately caught the brute on the nose, breaking its jaw, and knocking most of its teeth out. Two Lahoulis then came up, and though all four men were more or less clawed, they succeeded in stoning the best to death. This occurred on the 23rd ultimo at Sumsi, where the suspension bridge is being built.

WE quote the following remarks on the silver question from the *Englishman*:—"The late pressure of German silver on the English market is stated in letters from Berlin to have been caused by the final conversion operations of the German Government, who have now succeeded in disposing of their surplus stock of the metal. If this is really the case, the period of violent fluctuations in exchange may, we hope, be considered closed. It is now clear that the late glut of silver was caused by the operations connected with the demonetisation of the German coinage, and not by any extraordinary increase of production in the United States, who have lately been importing supplies from Europe."

A COLLISION occurred on the Emperor William's birthday between the soldiers in garrison at Metz. The Hessians having got up a ball, the Brandenbergers tried, as last year, to force their way in. On their being driven back, Prussian soldiers collected outside, and prevented the Hessians from leaving the ball-room. The officers vainly endeavouring to pacify them, sabres were drawn on both sides and the scuffle lasted till 5 in the morning. It is alleged that 40 soldiers of one regiment are in hospital, and a lieutenant and a captain were among the killed. The troops have been ordered to reach their barracks by 7 every evening, and proceedings have been taken against the ring-leaders.

BY order of the Russian Government, all locomotives, railway carriages, and rolling-stock purchased by Russian railway companies must henceforth be manufactured in Russia. This is another heavy blow to German industry. To enable the Russian railway companies to obtain locomotives and carriages in Russia, the St. Petersburg Government will allow materials to be imported duty free, and will also pay premiums and subsidies to Russian manufacturers. The action of the Imperial Decree which will be promulgated in a few days, in the first place, seems to be confined to new companies, but is to be gradually extended to existing companies as the home manufacturers develope their works and can supply the demand.

PRIVATE and authentic intelligence from Egypt informs the Berlin correspondent of the *Times* that the published version of the letter from King Menelek of Shoa to the Khedive is correct. The letter, which is in the Amhara dialect of the Abyssinian language, was delivered at Cairo by M. Arnoux, a French merchant, who lived several years in Shoa, and eventually was allowed to leave the country with goods worth 250,000f. By way of credentials, the King of Shoa placed in M. Arnoux's hands a letter he had received some time previously from the Khedive, the possession of which proves the authenticity of his mission. Menelek is the legitimate representative of the ancient Shoa dynasty, and, ruling the more Conservative portion of the Abyssinian race, is not likely to give in unless his claims are satisfied.

A WRITER in the *Whitehall Review* notices that the Servian losses in the war are computed at 40,000 killed and wounded—about one-fifth of the tax-paying inhabitants. This reduces the yearly income of £600,000 by about £50,000, as every Serb over twenty-one has to pay twenty-four shillings annually of direct taxes. Besides, the damage done in the three most exposed provinces is stated as exceeding 11,500,000 Austrian ducats, without taking into account the loss of labour, the cost of ammunition, provisions, &c., which might easily bring the total loss up to 20,000,000 ducats—one-fifth of the entire estimated value of property in Servia; so that the pleasure of unsheathing her sword for the oppressed Christian subjects of the Sultan costs Servia one-fifth of her men and one-fifth of her wealth—a rather exorbitant price to pay for a spare copy of the protocol.

MR. T. ADOLPHUS TROLLOPE is said to be engaged on a Life of Pope Pius IX., which will be shortly ready for publication. It is not the intention of the author to attempt a history of the "Life and Times" of the Pontiff, but his object will be to produce a life of Pius IX. as strictly personal as the nature of the position held by him will permit. Other items of literary gossip are that Mr. H. A. Page has in the press a book entitled "Thomas de Quincey; his Life and Writings, with Unpublished Correspondence." Dr. Jowett (the Master of Balliol) has in hand a translation of Thucydides (of the same character as his Plato); and Mr. James Bryce has in preparation a volume of travels in Transcaucasia, one of the most interesting features of which will be a description of Mount Ararat, the ascent of which by the author is among the half-dozen or so that have been made by modern travellers. The *Athenæum* says that Mr. Gladstone has presented to write an introduction to a new edition of Miss Irby's well-known work on the European provinces of Turkey.

ACCORDING to Dr. Russell, the Prince of Wales seems to have been most charmed with Madras, where there appears to have been less wearisome ceremonial and more real enjoyment than in either Bombay or Calcutta. "It would be only just to say," he writes, "that the welcome of the Duke of Buckingham and the reception given by the people of Madras must ever remain among the most pleasant memories of the Prince's tour. In Government House there was a combination of English family life with the state of an Oriental satrap, but the former so far predominated, thanks to the presence of the gracious ladies, who did the honours of the Duke's house with such kindness that one felt, in spite of strange surroundings, as though one were 'at home.'" In fact, the trip along the east coast appears to have been eminently enjoyable, and Madura, Seringham, and various other eastern towns are described in glowing terms. The one great disappointment of the voyage was the abandonment of the proposed hunting excursion in Mysore and Travancore on account of the cholera, and against which Dr. Fayrer, despite the enticing reports of innumerable bison and countless deer, inexorably set his face.

*Galignani's* states that Lieutenant Zubovitz, of the Austrian army, whose ride from Vienna to Paris may be remembered, has just performed the exploit of crossing the Danube at the former city, where the river is very wide, mounted on a horse provided with a floating apparatus of which he is the inventor. Although the water was very high, M. Zubovitz would not be dissuaded from making the trial, and rode on to the quay at about four in the afternoon. The india-rubber air reservoirs which were to keep the horse afloat were attached to the saddle on each side. The rider wore an ordinary hunting-dress with high waterproof boots, and did not carry with him any life-saving apparatus. The animal at first refused to enter the river, but the rider soon overcame his resistance and he plunged in, and sank until only his head was left above the surface. The crowd who lined the quays and had been looking on anxiously, called to him to return, but he spurred on, and, carried away by the rapid current, was soon in the middle of the stream, rising and sinking with the swell. At last, seven minutes after leaving the right bank, he touched the left side under the arch of the bridge and was received with loud cheers. The object of this experiment was to show that with this apparatus wide rivers may be crossed by cavalry without bridges or fords.

As the time approaches for sending in the pictures for the Royal Academy Exhibition, gossip from the studios becomes more plentiful. Mr. Watts, it is stated, is finishing a picture representing an episode in the Deluge—a sequel to a work on the same subject which he exhibited a few years ago. Mr. Marcus Stone sends a domestic subject, of which the principal figure is a young girl burning her lover's letters, while her father and mother, seated at the farther end of the apartment, look on in sympathy. Mr. Fildes has a large picture in hand, but this he will reserve for next year. For the present he contents himself with a single figure in the style of a milkmaid and a study of Venetian life. According to a pretty general opinion, the "sensation" picture of the season will be Mr. Long's festal composition painted in the manner of his "Babylonian Marriage Market." Mr. P. P. Morris sends a picture upon a more important scale than he has yet attempted. It is called "The Little Mother," and represents a little gipsy girl drying the feet of her still smaller brother, while the real mother of both sleeps with an infant in her arms in the shadow of the gipsy tent. Mr. Broughton has a painting representing some children gathering primroses in the early spring and overtaken by a sudden snowstorm. Mr. Pettie is engaged on a large picture representing a Highland outlaw who has just escaped from his pursuers to his hiding-place in the mountains. The title of the picture will probably be "Hunted."

THE *Pall Mall Gazette*:—"The death of Mr. Walter Bagehot is a loss to literature, but it is still more markedly a loss to journalism. The late editor of the *Economist* had two qualities which gave him a distinctive place among writers of leading articles. He could deal abstrusely with abstruse subjects and yet not forget that, whatever may be the part reserved for specialists in the ultimate formation of public opinion, the public opinion of the moment is the opinion of men of ordinary cultivation and intelligence, and that the journalist who fails to make himself understood by them misses his mark. There may be other writers on the money market whose grasp of the subject is as great as Mr. Bagehot's, or whose judgment is held in equal respect by the men who compose the market. But where shall we find articles on City matters that week after week command the attention and sustain the interest of educated men who have no personal concern in such subjects and no knowledge of them beyond that which Mr. Bagehot has himself imparted to them? But it was not only as a specialist singularly competent to make his specialty understood that Mr. Bagehot was remarkable. He was also a political critic of singular comprehensiveness and impartiality. This second quality is perhaps almost as rare as the former. In a sense no doubt all journalists are political critics. They are so, that is to say, as opposed to the politicians proper, who are men of action. But among themselves journalists may be divided into men of action, the object of whose writing is to get certain things done or left undone, and critics, the object of whose writing is to appreciate all that can be alleged in favour of getting certain things done or of leaving them undone. Mr. Bagehot had in a very great degree two faculties not often found in combination. He could see with singular clearness both sides of a subject, and he could understand that when a decision had once been made it must be carried out with as much energy as though the arguments had been all on one side.

ACCORDING to a Vienna telegram in the *Times*, the *Fremdenblatt* publishes a communication from Woloczysk of the 19th March, giving some accounts of the feeling in Russia and of the armaments which, though, perhaps, strongly coloured, are not without interest. According to it, the peaceful voices in Europe find no echo in Russia. In the face of the constant transports to strengthen the Southern Army, the rumours about demobilization are only smiled at. Four regiments of the newly-mobilized corps were to be kept at their destination within ten days. The transports of troops from Russian Poland has largely ceased. Instead of them, the Kiew Brest Railway brings heavy siege material from Brest. Up to the present time some 300 siege guns have come from there. On the Moscow Koursk Railway the transport of troops was to begin again shortly. The Military Governor of Moscow had announced to Director Bartinsky that within the next week 40,000 Infantry would arrive by the Kjayan Railway in Moscow, who will have to be taken on to Zitomir. Besides the concentrations in cantonments which have already been made in the southernmost portions of Bessarabia, the last reserves from the frontier fortresses of Kremenetz, Kaminietz Podolsk, and Chotim have begun to move to the southern banks of the Pruth. By these reinforcements and the last reserves from Kiew, it is thought that the Southern Army has been brought up to the number already of 300,000 combatants, behind whom there is a Reserve of 120,000 men. It is, however, not believed that this force will be a reserve in the common sense of the word, but that when it has attained its normal strength of 200,000 men, it will be sent after the operating army. As this may take a couple of months, many think that the advance will not be made before these new formations are completed—that is, not before the middle of May. According to this communication, a demobilization without some tangible success is, by the opinion prevalent in the whole Empire of the Czar from the Drina to the Kura, a sheer impossibility. On the contrary, something must be done soon. In Kiew, in Podolia, and Volhynia every one wishes, no doubt, for peace: but Little Russia has never decided Russian policy. What has always decided and will always decide Russian policy is the opinion of the "Gastinney Dwer," the central market-hall of Moscow. What Prince Dolgourouky reports from there turns the balance, and Moscow and Great Russia are in a feverish agitation. Papers in Vienna, Berlin, or Paris would not be allowed to use with impunity such language as is employed by the Russian Press on Eastern affairs; the *mot d'ordre* of which is, "We want war."

## DHARWAR COLLECTORATE.

Bombay Castle, 19th April 1877.

MEMORANDUM from the Revenue Commissioner, Kanarese Districts, No. 774, dated 9th April 1877.

Forwards a letter from the Collector of Dharwar, No. 448 F., dated 5th instant, submitting the report called for in Government Resolution No. 196 E.—686, Local, dated 28th March 1877, in connection with certain remarks made by the Sanitary Commissioner in his letter to Government, dated 13th idem, regarding the Hubli poor-house, the want of work for the people at Hubli, and the state of the Kod-Kenur road.

RESOLUTION.—No doubt a suitable dietary will be, or by this time has been, introduced into the Hubli relief-house, and into other similar institutions in the Dharwar Collectorate. The main points are to give cooked food in proper quantities, and to insist upon its being eaten on the spot. The Belgaum scale is a very good and economical one, and its adoption should be urged on the notice of the Dharwar authorities.

2. The Collector's views regarding not employing large bodies of immigrants near towns, whose sanitary condition is not very good, are sound, and Government agree with him that great caution will have to be exercised in dispensing charitable relief on an extended scale, so that the people may not become demoralized in numbers that it would be most difficult and embarrassing to deal with. The orders issued in Government Resolution No. 196 E.—686, of 28th March 1877, however provide for this, for they lay down that, as soon as the weakened people gain strength, they should be sent to work.

C. G. W. MACPHERSON,
Under-Secretary to Government.

## CONTRACTORS AND THE TOWN COUNCIL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Mr. Grattan Geary has applied to have his name expunged from a contract of the Municipality with the *Times of India* in order, according to Mr. Nowrojee Furdoonjee, to render himself eligible for the next vacancy in the Town Council.

Is this not the same gentleman who paid the taxes of the *Times of India*, of which he is the manager, I think, in his own name in order to qualify himself for the Corporation?

Is not his present attempt to attain a Councillorship also an evasion of the law?

Supposing, for instance, a mercantile firm were to pay their taxes in an assistant's name, procure his election to the Municipal Council, and then make use of his position and influence to obtain contracts, what would be said and thought of such a proceeding?

It may be asserted that Mr. Geary has no beneficial interest in the *Times of India* beyond his position as editor and manager. If so, why disturb the present contract at all? but, when it comes on for renewal, can Mr. Geary, who, I presume, is bound like all employés to the interest of the employers, be expected to vote impartially? At all events it appears to me that it is open to

QUESTION.

April 19.

*Holloway's Pills.*—The slightest indisposition (that is may reasonably run its chances from that to worse) should engage the immediate attention of the afflicted to take out the A few doses of these thoroughly purifying and strengthening Pills will always be beneficial when the least disorder reigns, or when serious fears oppress. Two or three Pills at bed-time have the happiest effect in promoting perfect digestion whereby the muscles are rendered more vigorous, the spirits more buoyant, and the entire frame more hardy. Holloway's medicine increases the quantity of nutriment derivable from a given quantity of food, whereby the quality of the blood is improved, the tone of every organ invigorated, and the body is heightened, and the disposition to fall into disease is reduced to a minimum.

# BOMBAY.

SECOND CRIMINAL SESSIONS.—The business of the Second Criminal Sessions, which commenced on the 10th instant, terminated yesterday.

FATHER RIVINGTON LECTURING.—The Rev. Luke Rivington will deliver an address at the Mazagon school-room to-night at 8 on the subject of his recent missionary tour in Southern India.

AN OLD OFFENDER.—Tyeb Cassim, a noted character, was yesterday sentenced to nine months' hard labour in the House of Correction by Mr. W. Webb, at the Fort Police Court, for committing theft of Rs. 10-4-6, the property of Hurkisson Hurjeevun on the day previous.

CAUTION TO YACHTS AND SMALL CRAFT.—Royal Artillery practice will take place this afternoon from the 9-inch battery at Oyster Rocks and the 10-inch guns on board the Magdala, firing in conjunction with the land battery in a southerly direction. Yachts and small craft should keep clear of their range.

THEFT OF CURRENCY NOTES.—Yesterday, at the Fort Police Court, a Hindoo, named Apps Gungajee, was sentenced to three months' hard labour in the Common Jail by Mr. W. Webb, for having on that day committed theft of Rs. 125 in Government currency notes, the property of Peetamber Seshkuru.

RUTONJEORA CHARITABLE DISPENSARY.—This dispensary is conducted at the sole expense of Mr. Byramjee Nusserwanjee Servai. The following number (286) of patients were treated during the month of March last:—Male, 72; female, 101; children, 113. Of these 230 were Parsees, 29 Hindoos, 27 Mussulmans, of whom 267 were cured, 18 absented and 31 remained. The average daily attendance was 9·7.

STATEMENT OF SILVER BALANCE IN THE MINT.—The value of silver in the Mint on the morning of the 9th April 1877 was Rs. 2,09,62,179; add silver received during the week, Rs. 14,23,418. Tue sum of Rs. 25,60,000 in new coin was paid during the week; the balance left was Rs. 1,98,86,588. There is in addition bullion valued at Rs. 38,90,683, belonging to private individuals deposited in the Mint vaults and awaiting assay.

MR. EDGINTON.—Mr. Alfred Edginton will make over charge of his duties as Deputy Commissioner of Police to Mr. R. H. Vincent on the 15th May next, and leave Bombay for England by the first mail in June following. The address to be presented to Mr. Edginton by the Parsees of Bombay is, we hear, being influentially and numerously signed. Mr. Manockjee Cursetjee Jamsetjee, the eldest son of the Parsee Baronet, has joined the committee appointed to prepare the address.

PROSECUTIONS BY THE S. P. C. A.—Bhow Trimbuck, cartman, for working his bullock in Bazaar Gate Street, the animal being lame of the off hindleg, was fined Rs. 6.—Shaik Hussain, buggy driver, for working his horse near the Sipbinstone Circle, the animal being lame of the near foreleg, was fined Rs. 10.—Suddoo Rama, water cart-driver, for working his bullocks in Parell road, the animals being in such an emaciated state as to be quite unfit for work, was fined Rs. 10.—Rama Balis, buggy driver, for working his horse in Abdool Rayman Street, the animal being lame of the near hind leg and having a galled back, was fined Rs. 10.

SUICIDE.—A Coroner's inquest was held yesterday at the morgue on view of the body of Nabbee, a Hindoo girl. Deceased was about 14 years of age. She was found lying dead amongst the rocks near the seashore at Walkeshwar on the evening previous. There were no external marks of violence on the body, which was dressed in the clothes worn by the deceased when she left her mother-in-law's house two days previous to this. None of her ornaments that she had worn were missing. Deceased had been suffering from fever. Upon the evidence adduced the following verdict was returned by the jury:—"That the death of the deceased was caused by her having committed suicide by drowning herself in the sea."

MORTUARY RETURNS.—The total number of deaths registered during the week ending Tuesday, 17th April 1877, was 907, being 142 more than in the preceding week, 338 more than the total of the week ending 18th April, 1876, and 504 more than the mean of the corresponding period in the preceding five years. During the week 255 births were reported in the different districts of the city. The rate of mortality per 1,000 of the population was 69·80. There were 355 deaths from remittent fever, which is 25 more than last week and 222 more than the same period last year. There were 48 deaths from cholera last week compared with 2 in the corresponding week last year. The deaths from diseases of the respiratory system, diarrhœa and dysentery were last week 87, 33 and 33 respectively, compared with 30, 15 and 25 last year.

MURDER OF A GIRL AT KHANDALLA FOR THE SAKE OF HER ORNAMENTS.—A most shocking and cold-blooded murder was committed at Khandalla on the 5th instant. The culprit, who is of the cooly caste by name Dewjee, asked his unsuspecting victim, a girl named Kooshee combe Ragoo, by caste Goorwin, about 12 years of age, to accompany him into the adjacent jungle to collect wood—having had his eye upon her ornaments, which we are told, are worth more than Rs. 12 altogether. He succeeded in inducing her to keep him company as far as the ravine below the Khandalla barracks at a place called Yakkee, where he put his nefarious cravings into practice by cutting her throat with a *koota*. After life was extinct, the blood-thirsty ruffian, finding he could not extricate the ornaments from off her legs as soon as he wished, wanted of course to evade detection, and in his eagerness to do so, chopped off her feet and possessed himself of her much coveted ornaments. The crime was not traced until a full week had elapsed when the body was observed in a fearfully mutilated and decomposed state. The Police, of course, commenced their inquiries, and succeeded in *potting* their man. The culprit having confessed his crime, was placed yesterday before Dr. A. G. Fraser, the Railway Magistrate. The case is now under investigation.—*Poona Observer*, April 19.

## THE CONCERT AT THE TOWN HALL YESTERDAY.

THE Concert at the Town Hall yesterday afternoon on behalf of the Scottish Orphanage was well attended and was from all points of view successful. The programme contained selections of music very happily chosen and very well sung and played. To see on the crimson clothed platform those who have so frequently contributed to the amusement of delighted audiences raised a feeling of regret that the occasions for listening to them are now so few and so far between, but the duet-soprano and baritone, "I'm an Alsatian," revived most agreeable recollections; and the second duet-soprano and baritone in the second part of the Concert, "Qual Voce," aroused the audience enthusiastically, and to appease the cry of *encore* a repetition was most generously and gracefully given. The first part of the Concert terminated with a solo contralto, "Cherry Ripe," sweetly sung by a lady, who, though a visitor only from Calcutta, kindly offered her services to assist the Scottish orphans. A very interesting feature in the Concert yesterday was the assembling of the children of the Scottish Orphanage on the platform, first to sing in chorus the song of "Caller Herrin," and again near the close of the Concert, "The Smith's, a gallant Fireman." Each time they sang remarkably well and showed that they had been well trained. The effect of their voices, unaccompanied, was very pleasing. Madame Tasca charmed every one with her marvellous playing. We must not omit to notice the re-appearance of our favourite tenor, who sang so well the song "Mary of Argyll" and received well-merited applause. Mr. Locke Gray commenced and concluded the Concert with a selection for the organ. Financially, the Concert was also successful, 286 tickets were sold and Rs. 200 were taken at the door, making a total altogether of about Rs. 770.

## METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

BOMBAY, April 18th 1877.

*Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m. 2 p.m. 4 p.m and 10 p.m.*

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| Barometer corrected | 29·875 |
| Temperature of the Air | 82·6 |
| Wet Bulb Thermometer | 76·2 |
| Dew Point | 73·8 |
| Relative humidity of Air | 0·755 |
| Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded=1) | 0·2 |
| Maximum temperature of air (read at 6 p.m) | 87·4 |
| Minimum do. do. (read at 9-30 a.m.) | 76·4 |
| General Direction of wind | N, NNE, ENE, E, NW, WNW, NW, NNW. |
| Movement of wind in 24 hours | 263. |

## SECOND CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

NINTH DAY, THURSDAY, 19TH APRIL.

(Before THE HON. MR. JUSTICE BAYLEY.)

SENTENCE OF DEATH.

Cursondas Hurry, who was on Wednesday found guilty of murder of his father-in-law Velljee Jewraj, was placed at the bar to receive sentence. When asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed on him, he said he was under the influence of an intoxicating drug when he committed the act.

His Lordship, addressing the prisoner, said the jury had found him guilty of culpable homicide amounting to murder, with a representation that they did not think he went to his father-in-law's house with a premeditated intention to murder him. His Lordship had reserved passing sentence in order to more fully consider the circumstances of the case. Now, assuming that the knife might not have been purchased with a premeditated intention to commit the murder, his Lordship said he saw no extenuating circumstances in favour of the prisoner. He committed a dastardly attack upon his father-in-law. He first attacked his wife, and then leaving her, he rushed upon his father-in-law and struck him two blows, which terminated fatally. The statement made by the prisoner on Wednesday and repeated that day, to the effect that he had taken some intoxicating drug, had been proved to be false. Nothing more remained for his Lordship to do than pass upon him the "dread sentence of the law." The prisoner was then formally sentenced to be hanged at the usual place of execution on a day to be hereafter named.

ATTEMPT TO TRANSPORT FIREARMS.

Motesjee Futtajee, a Marwaree petty dealer, was charged with having attempted to transport from Bombay 22 fowling pieces by delivering them in a box to Premjee Madjee contrary to the Notification of the Governor General of India in Council, No. 44, dated 7th January 1860. Mr. Mayhew, instructed by Mr. Cleveland, acting Public Prosecutor, appeared for the prosecution. Mr. P. M. Mehta defended the prisoner. Mr. Mayhew, in addressing the jury, briefly stated the facts of the case. The prisoner was charged with transporting, or attempting to transport, firearms from Bombay to Ahmedabad. The prosecution was instituted under an Act of the Legislative Council of India, under which it was made a criminal offence to transport arms. The prisoner was a shroff and carried on business at a house in Withulwady, and had been in the habit of consigning goods to Ahmedabad and elsewhere through the agency of a muccadum, named Bhickajee Ambaidas, who carries on business in Khan Bezaar, but lives in the same house as the prisoner. After stating the nature of the evidence that would be brought forward in support of the charge, the learned counsel said the real question before the jury was, did the prisoner attempt to transport the arms by means of a misrepresentation, and had he a guilty knowledge of the contents, and did he attempt to transport them against the law? The strongest point against the prisoner was the payment of Rs. 10, the usual fee being only six annas a package.

The defence was that the box belonged to a Borah named Dawood, and that prisoner, in ignorance of its contents, entrusted it for transmission to the muccadum Bhickajee. Two witnesses were called for the prisoner to state what prisoner said to Bhickajee when delivering the box to him.

The learned counsel for the defence and the prosecution having addressed the jury, the latter returned a verdict of guilty, and the prisoner was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for two years.

THIS being the last case, the Second Criminal Sessions were formally dissolved.

## PROSPECTUS OF THE WESTERN INDIA GRAND ANNUAL HUNT RACES, 1877.

1ST RACE.—"The Poona Hunt Stakes"—Rs. 500 added from the fund. For all Arabs and Country-Breds. About 3 miles over a stiff hog-hunting country.

| | st. | lbs. |
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| Arabs, C. W. over | 12 | 7 |
| Country-Breds 14-2 and under, C. W. over | 11 | 7 |
| C. B. over 14-2, C. W. over | 12 | 7 |
| Galloways allowed 7 lbs. | | |
| Entrance—15th May | 1 G. M. | |
| ,, 15th June | 3 G. M. | |
| On day before date advertised for the races to be run | 5 G. M. | |

2ND RACE.—"The Hog Hunters' Purse."—Rs. 500 added from the fund. For all English and Colonial horses. About 3 miles over a stiff hog-hunting country.

| | st. | lbs. |
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| C. W. over | 12 | 7 |

Entrances as in Poona Hunt Stakes.

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| C. B. over 14-2 can enter for this race, carrying | | |
| C. W. over | 10 | 7 |

3RD RACE.—"The Tally Ho Stakes."—Rs. 500 added from the fund. For all horses. About 1 mile over a stiff hog-hunting country.

| | st. | lbs. |
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| English and Colonials, C. W. over | 12 | 7 |
| C. B. over 14-2, C. W. over | 11 | 7 |
| C. B. 14-2 and under, and Arabs C. W. over | 10 | 7 |

Galloways allowed 7 lbs.

Entrances as in Poona Hunt Stakes.

4TH RACE.—"Pony Race."—For all C. B. Ponies. 13-2 to carry 11st. 7lbs. Weight for inches. About 1 mile. Rs. 200 from the fund.

Entrance—1 G. M. the day before the races.

RULES.

1. The above Races will probably come off at Poona over the same course as last year in July. Date to be fixed hereafter, after communication with owners.
2. Marks and colours to be registered with Clerk of Course.
3. Entrances to be *dispatched* on the dates mentioned.
4. The decision of the Stewards to be final.
5. Full public money will be given in the case of three starters *bona fide* on separate interests; half public money in case of two starters or for a walk-over.
6. Riders who have never taken a first spear, or who have not won a steeplechase, allowed 5 lbs.
7. Persians and Cabooleos to carry equal weight with Arabs.
8. The Stewards will not undertake the management of the lotteries.
9. The second horse in each race to save his stakes.
10. The course will be marked out by the Stewards, who will take into consideration the wishes of owners who have entered horses; but the line of country must be *bona fide*, a hog-hunting country.
11. Previous winners of these races—once, 7 lbs.: twice, 10 lbs.
12. All communications to be addressed to the undersigned.

A. G. F. HOGG, Major,
Honorary Secretary, The Club, Poona.

## EUROPEAN AND OTHER EXTRACTS.

### HEADS OF INTELLIGENCE.

(*Home News*, March 30.)

THE negotiations between Russia and England have become more promising for peace. According to the latest intelligence, Russia has accepted the modifications in the Protocol proposed by England, and will undertake to demobilise her army.

It is believed that this change in the attitude of Russia is largely due to the influence of Austria, which has refused to make the Triple Alliance an instrument for advancing Russian ambition.

General Ignatieff has been in Vienna and Berlin on his return journey to St. Petersburg.

The military preparations of Turkey and Russia continue.

The Turkish Parliament is settling down to work in a satisfactory manner at Constantinople.

Peace negotiations between the Porte and Montenegro are not yet renewed, both parties protesting that further concession is impossible.

Mr. Layard, at present the English Ambassador at Madrid, is to succeed Sir H. Elliot temporarily at Constantinople.

The Queen has received a succession of visitors at Windsor, and returned with the Princess Beatrice on March 29, to Osborne.

The Prince and Princess of Wales remain in London in consequence of the indisposition of H. R. H., who is, however, going on favourably.

No important business has been transacted in the House of Lords this week.

In the House of Commons there was a long debate on Friday, March 23, on the motion of Mr. Fawcett concerning the Eastern policy of the Government; on Tuesday, March 28, Sir Stafford Northcote said that negotiations between the Russian and English Governments were still in progress, and that he hoped to have satisfactory news to give after Easter. The same day there was a personal passage of arms between Mr. Gladstone and Sir H. D. Wolff, and Mr. Rylands brought forward his motion concerning the conduct of Sir H. Elliot at Constantinople.

The Oxford and Cambridge Boat-race resulted, March 24, in a dead heat. Some dissatisfaction is felt with the judge's decision.

A disastrous railway accident has occurred near Morpeth, the "Flying Scotchman" running off the rails. Five persons have died and many are seriously injured.

Mr. T. Carlyle has been elected President for the year of the Edinburgh Philosophical Institution.

A requisition is in preparation among the students of Glasgow University asking Mr. Gladstone to be nominated as the successor of Lord Beaconsfield as Lord Rector.

In France speeches to the working men of Paris were delivered by MM. Victor Hugo and Louis Blanc, on March 25.

In the German Parliament it has been finally decided that Leipsic, and not, as Prince Bismarck wished, Berlin should be the seat of Imperial Supreme Court of Justice.

In Rome the relations between the Pope and the Italian Government are becoming more strained, and there are rumours of French and Austrian interference.

Sir R. Collinson presided over the half-yearly meeting of the Army and Navy Co-operative Society. General testimony was borne to the increased growth of the organisation, and to the augmented extent of its usefulness.

The Social Science Congress will be held this year at Aberdeen. Its sittings begin on Wednesday, 19th September.

In reply to an invitation from Southwark, Mr. Joseph Arch has consented to become a working men's candidate for the representation of that borough at the next election.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK.—Lieut.-Col. W. H. Lomer, Ben. Rst.; C. M. Henderson, M.D., Ben. Rst.; Mrs. Chisholm; Dowager Lady Dashwood; Sir David Dundas; Bp. Dolben; Countess Poulett; Lieut.-Col. W. H. F. P. Strachan; Com. E. Cole, R.N.; Lieut.-Col. J. Webster; Field-Marshal Sir J. F. Fitzgerald, G.C.B.; Sir W. Hanham, Bart.; Com. R. Lewis, R.N.

## THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOAT RACE.

THE accounts of the boat race contained in the London papers to hand by the mail which arrived yesterday vary considerably. A careful comparison shows clearly, we think, that the following from the *Sportsman* of Monday, the 26th of March, is the most complete and accurate in detailed description and at the same time perfectly just in respect to the comments on the race and the rowers. The *Sportsman's* correspondent wrote:—

Even if the race of Saturday last had been between two of the weakest University crews that ever rowed on London water, it would still live in history as having furnished one instance of the only dead heat on record in the annals of the trials of first-class rowing between Putney and Mortlake. We can hardly accept to see such an event again in a generation: it difficult enough to find boats so closely matched as to be inseparable at the finish, even when the course is under two miles, and the crews are purposely made up with a view to a close match. Oxford have twice succeeded in handicapping their trial eights to a dead heat, but even that is a contingency which may not happen again for years. We believe, as will be seen from our description further on, that the race would, instead of being a dead heat, have resulted in a victory for Oxford by a length, and a little over, but for the accident to bow's oar. But even if this had been the case, no one would deny that the race had been most closely fought—sufficiently so to render it a red-letter match in the annals of University Boat Races.

When the trial eights of the two Universities were rowed we expressed our opinion that those of Oxford were a better lot than those of Cambridge. At the same time the great numbers of old University oars that Cambridge had to fall back upon this season were sufficient guarantee that she would not be deficient in material for a good cr

elephants. A couple of thick ropes were attached to the huge animal by a stout leathern collar round his neck. The men took up their stations behind the elephant, and commenced hauling at the ropes; whilst, in order to induce the elephant to exert his powers of resistance, loaves of bread were held just within his reach, and he was allowed to eat several. The tug lasted for about four minutes, the elephant, having a good foothold, remaining almost immovable, bellowing, however, the whole most lustily. At last the huge creature began to tire, and was dragged slowly backwards over the line. The elephant, in fact, did not seem either to like or understand his task.

## REORGANISATION OF THE ROYAL ARTILLERY.

*(Daily Telegraph.)*

A GENERAL ORDER reorganising the Artillery will be issued on the 1st of April, but the changes are not to take effect till the 1st of July, by which time all necessary measures will be completed, not only in England but in the colonies and India. Meanwhile, such alterations as the new system requires will be gradually coming into force, and in three months the transition will be complete, without shock and without inconvenience. An organisation which has existed for eighteen years will have imperceptibly merged into a simpler and more practical order of things. Not that we for a moment suppose that the new regulation is final: it is manifestly only an intermediate step to a far better system, to which there is unfortunately a powerful opposition that cannot yet be overcome.

Let us briefly run back over the past, in order to explain our meaning. If we glance at the period between the Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny, we find a Royal Regiment of Artillery, consisting of one brigade of Horse Artillery, and a number of battalions, each of which contained field batteries and companies of garrison artillery. Each of these battalions had its head-quarters at Woolwich; its batteries being distributed throughout the world. A battery was to-day a field, to-morrow a garrison battery. Men were enlisted as "gunners and drivers," and were supposed to be equally good at moving a 68-pounder in a fortress, or grooming and driving horses in the field. And in order to make every body fit for everything, no one was left permanently at any one kind of work. Material and equipment were simpler then than now, or the artillerymen, officers and men, would have been Jacks-of-all-trades and masters of none.

In 1858 the first step was taken towards a better system. Gunners were separated from drivers, and enlistment for the two duties was made distinct. A year later the practice of charging garrison into field batteries and back again was abolished, and certain batteries became permanently field others garrison artillery. In April, 1859, the battalion organisation was abolished, and brigades were formed—field being distinct from garrison brigades. Men and non-commissioned officers remained throughout their service in field or garrison artillery; but the officers are to this day liable to be moved on promotion from one to another service. An officer, who has spent all his subaltern's service in field and horse artillery may be sent as a captain to mount heavy guns in a fort in the Medway; or an officer who in his 20 years of service has only dealt with garrison guns may fall, as a major, into command of a field battery, knowing nothing of horses or of drill. The new organisation about to be promulgated leaves this blot untouched.

The old battalion system that existed before 1859 had some very good points that were lost sight of or ignored in the change that was made that year. The battery was the unit of relief. The captain of a battery kept up a nominal connection with his battalion head-quarters at Woolwich, but was practically independent of them, and really subject only to the local commander of the district in which he was serving; there being a superior officer of artillery in each district, with lieutenant-colonels under him. The relief of batteries in any part of the world was perfectly simple; and wherever a battery went it found established a colonel commanding the district, knowing the various forts and barracks, material and stores, with his staff equally well informed, so that the incoming battery was at once instructed in the new work required of it. In fact, this district system, with reliefs by batteries, would have worked perfectly well if the Woolwich establishment, head-quarters of battallions, colonels and adjutants, had been swept off the face of the earth. All that these battalion head-quarter staffs did was to collect returns from the various batteries, which might just as well have been sent direct to the Horse Guards, and to train recruits collected from the various districts, who might just as well have been trained in the districts where they were raised.

It was recognised in a General Order of April 1, 1859, that "the successive augmentations to the Royal Artillery have created a large assemblage at Woolwich of an unwieldy regimental staff;" but a grand opportunity was lost. Instead of abolishing this unwieldy staff in a body, and ordering officers commanding at home to recruit for the batteries in their districts and for a certain number abroad, and to send the returns of the batteries in their districts direct to the Horse Guards, thus preserving all the good points and discarding all the bad ones of the system, "her Majesty's Government, on the recommendation of H. R. H. the General Commanding-in-Chief, decided that the head-quarters of the Royal Artillery shall remain, as heretofore, at Woolwich; but that the staff of the battalions shall be distributed to the several districts and garrisons at home and abroad." The old battalions were christened "brigades," and their head-quarters were distributed all over the world. Reliefs were in future to be carried out by whole brigades. It is difficult to imagine anything more futile than this attempt to work like infantry regiments a service an essential condition of which is, in our scattered possessions, that batteries are dispersed and detached. First of all, the brigades were of unequal strength; and how could a brigade of six batteries relieve one of eight? When this had been solved at last by transfers and equalising strength, there remained such absurdities as a St. Helena having its head-quarters at Mauritius, and a battery at Leith Fort its head-quarters at Ballincollig. For eighteen years the system has struggled on, till the present Deputy Adjutant General of Artillery has had the courage to strike its death blow—not before it was needed. At this moment a battery at Devonport has its head-quarters at Aldershot; a battery at Hilsea its head-quarters at Newcastle; a battery at Bristol its head-quarters at Colchester. In India it is far worse. A brigade, with its head-quarters at Kirkee, has batteries at Secunderabad, Kusrachee, Trichinopoly and Bangalore. Detached batteries derive no advantage from their distant brigade head-quarters, which involve much useless expense, and have an insatiable appetite for returns.

These, instead of distributing the recruits to the head-quarters of brigades or to districts, a great unwieldy depot brigade was formed, with horse and field batteries at Woolwich and garrison batteries at Sheerness. Hundreds of recruits were gathered together at these two stations, perhaps the worst in England (certainly Woolwhich is so) for recruits, scantily offered with non-commissioned officers invalided from abroad. The depot brigade became a far more unwieldy mass than even the old battalion detachments had been, and it is a marvel that it never brought disgrace upon the artillery. If it were only for sweeping away this wretched mistake, the Deputy Adjutant General of Artillery would deserve a statue on Woolwich common.

The General Order to be issued on 1st April comes far nearer to the pure system of battery units and district commands than any organization which the artillery has yet enjoyed. Nominally the regiment will be divided into three horse, six field, and five garrison brigades; each horse brigade containing ten, each field brigade fourteen, and each garrison brigade eighteen batteries. The head-quarters of all the brigades will be localised in the United Kingdom, and wherever the batteries of any brigade may be stationed they will have to send certain monthly returns to their head-quarters. There will thus be the same nominal and unnecessary connection between batteries and a fixed head-quarters in England that there was in the old system that existed before 1859, and which now exists. But with this exception, which is solely due to a powerful opposition to the abolition of the word 'brigade,' the system is the pure district command and battery unit system. Foreign reliefs are to be carried out by batteries, by roster. Each district at home will be under a colonel who will also have the administrative command of the brigade located at his station. In larger districts he will have a brigade major, and he will be responsible for everything connected with the artillery within his own district, both *personnel* and *material*, and on all matters of interior economy he will communicate with the Adjutant-General. All batteries in any district will, for all purposes, be wholly under the command of the officer commanding such district, furnishing to their own brigade head-quarters such returns only as are necessary to keep up the records of the brigade at head-quarters. Batteries will correspond direct with departments on questions of clothing, battery stores, and pay. Colonels commanding districts will be assisted by lieutenant-colonels and the tenure of office of both colonels and lieutenant-colonels will be for five years. Abroad, both in India and the Colonies, the existing brigade staff will be abolished, the local duties being performed by such active staff as may be necessary at each station. India will be parcelled out into districts under colonels, with district adjutants assisted by lieutenant-colonels.

The existing depot brigade disappears. In its place each of the three horse, six field, and five garrison brigades will have a depot battery permanently located at its head-quarters. These depot batteries will train all recruits posted to them, furnish all drafts intended for the batteries of their respective brigades serving abroad, receive all invalids and men sent home from foreign stations for discharge, and, in short, perform all the duties pertaining to a depot for their respective brigades.

There is one exception only to the pure district system as regards commands; and that is Woolwich. Here there will be the head-quarters of two field and one horse brigade, and therefore three full colonels. But we trust that the day is not far distant when that powerful opposition to the abolition of brigades of which we have spoken will be removed, and when Woolwich, like the other artillery stations, will be an artillery district command under a Brigadier General. The beauty of the new organisation is that if the word brigade were to disappear, this alteration alone would be necessary; and the only change involved, that batteries would be relieved of sending in certain unnecessary returns. The new scheme is, as we said in our first paragraph, manifestly an immediate step to the pure system of district commands and battery units. We hope ere long to see this system follow; and, at the same time, the Royal Artillery no longer treated as parishs who are unfit for appointments on the general staff of the Army or to general officers' commands. Our attention is called by a contemporary to the fact that no artillery or engineer officer has, under the existing *regime*, ever been appointed to any of the three chief staff appointments of the Army, viz., Adjutant-General, Quartermaster-General, or Military Secretary, or to any general officer's command in the United Kingdom, except Woolwich. We may add that, except the pure artillery and engineer appointments at head-quarters, and one minor staff appointment in Ireland, no artillery or engineer officer is employed on the Adjutant-General's staff, and not a single one in the Quartermaster-General's staff throughout the whole of the districts of the United Kingdom. The Royal Artillery is an important branch of our military service, and we are surprised that the War Minister has never been asked in Parliament what is the reason for its exclusion from a fair share of general officers' commands and employment on the general staff

## A MUSLIM ESTIMATE OF GREAT BRITAIN.

A WELL-DIGESTED article in the Arabic *al-Jawaib* of the 15th March, after a detailed description of the Conference at Constantinople, its origin and constitution, progress and retrocession, insists, for reasons apparently well known to the editor, and based on his extensive knowledge of Muslim feeling more especially as entertained in India, that England has never swerved from its policy, having maintained throughout the inviolability of the Treaty of Paris. The article goes on to say:—

Whoever ventures to believe that the British had deceived the Ottoman Government, or that it has sought to humiliate it, or that it has treated it harshly is greatly at fault. What Great Britain aims at is to induce the Porte to reform the administration of the empire and to dispense equal justice to all its subjects in order that Russia may have no plausible pretext against it. It is our fervent wish that our Muslim brethren in the East and West should be convinced on these points—that the English Government is eminently just and upright, adheres to its treaty engagements, fulfils its obligations, stands by its friends, sympathizes with the harassed, protects the oppressed, and aids the hapless. Its absorbing aspiration, moreover, is to promote human welfare, and to extend the benefits of useful knowledge throughout the world. No other European nation possesses laws more equitable, none whose advancement in the arts and sciences is comparable with that of the British. Only fancy that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the heir apparent, appeared before a court of justice, like any other subject, in a famous lawsuit. On another occasion one of the rabble in Ireland dared to assault her Majesty Queen Victoria, as she stepped out of her carriage. On his own confession the culprit was convicted of the offence, and having been humanely regarded as a madman, was merely sentenced to confinement in a lunatic asylum. Further, from the date of her accession down to the present time not a whisper has been heard attributing wrong to this pattern Sovereign, whereas writers everywhere have concurred in attributing to her the noble qualities of exalted virtue and benevolence. Four years ago, moreover, a man was seized supposed to be the notorious Nana Sahib, the greatest enemy of the British rule during the mutiny of 1857. When brought before the tribunal of justice some witnesses testified that he was the rebel; others that he only resembled him. The result was that the accused was dismissed, for the judge, acting upon the maxim of our sacred traditions, set aside the prescribed punishment on account of dubious circumstances. Then when three years ago the famine prevailed in India the Government at Calcutta came forward to aid the stricken inhabitants, and expended no less a sum than nine millions sterling in the benevolent enterprise, besides engaging hundreds of thousands on useful works. [Here the article goes into a detailed account of the expenditure of the different local Indian Governments on this and other occasions up to the present day.] Nor has the liberality of the British been confined to their own subjects. During the late war between Germany and France they sent large supplies of clothing, bedding, and other necessaries to the distressed French. In like manner they, more recently, sent abundant relief to the famine-stricken people of Anatolia; and, lastly, to the destitute Bulgarians and to the sick and wounded of the Ottoman army, to say nothing of the numerous institutions which they support in their own and other lands for the solace of the poor and needy, besides providing gratuitous medical aid for the sick and diseased. In fact, no effective visitation befalls the world without their efforts being forthcoming to relieve it. Without controversy, the English are indeed a great people, endowed with preeminent qualities and expansive views, possessing an equitable and stable Constitution, under which great and small, rich and poor, the noble and the mean, the governors and the governed, are all on the same level. If any defects are attributable to this magnanimous and exalted nation, it is only because perfection can be ascribed to God alone.

The *al-Jawaib* of the same date notifies that the editor, owing to press of work, cannot undertake the receipt and transmission of contributions to the sick and wounded of the Ottoman army. The proper office for such contributions is at the Seraskarate of the Sublime Porte.

## THE LANCASHIRE COTTON TRADE AND THE INDIAN IMPORT DUTIES.

*(Manchester Guardian, March 28.)*

YESTERDAY afternoon a meeting of the Central Committee of the Associated Committees of Employers and Workmen, representing the public meetings held in the cotton manufacturing districts to secure the abolition of the Indian import duties, was held at the Young Men's Christian Association Rooms, Peter-street, in this city. Mr. R. R. Jackson (Blackburn) presided, and there was a numerous attendance.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, said that that meeting represented the employers and workmen of the cotton textile districts, and they had met to examine their position with reference to the repeal of the Indian import duties on cotton goods and yarns, and to pass a series of resolutions showing what their views were upon the subject. Late in 1874 an interview took place between the Manchester Chamber of Commerce and the Secretary of State for India. Lord Salisbury then showed that he was favorable, when a suitable opportunity arose, to the removal of those duties, and he acknowledged that they were wrong and indefensible in principle. He held the same language in Manchester in November, 1875, and he addressed a despatch to the Viceroy of India, in which he enunciated the same policy, pointed out the manner in which he thought his design should be carried out, and threw out a suggestion that a portion of the duty should be remitted one year and another portion another year, so that in a given series of years it should be entirely repealed. Those represented by that meeting sent a deputation to Lord Salisbury in November of last year, and His Lordship held precisely the same language at that time. He stated also that the duty could not be given up, so as to create a deficit in the Indian revenue, or so as to cause the necessity of imposing some new tax upon the Indian people. They thought that such a promise would have secured to them the repeal of the duty as soon as a surplus was shown in the Indian revenue. No one present doubted that Lord Salisbury really intended to give effect to his statesmanlike policy, and no one doubted that he had energy and determination enough to make his will prevail—(hear, hear)—but such had been the obstructions thrown in his way from various quarters—some of an open character, some of a secret and sinister character, and some of a disingenious character—that, notwithstanding the will of the Secretary of State for India, they were in the same position as when he first acknowledged that those duties were wrong in principle two years ago. It might not, perhaps, be out of place that he (the Chairman) should state some of the difficulties which had crossed his path. The Legislative Council of India seemed to be actuated by a firm determination to retain those duties, and the Bombay Chamber of Commerce, which was in favour of their repeal when they were not protective, was against their repeal now that they had become protective, and in that manner acted with the Bombay Manufacturers and Spinners' Association, which he thought was certainly a sad thing in the history of a Chamber of Commerce in these free trade days. (Applause.) But a still more serious obstruction was set in the way of the success of their efforts. The opposition of the Legislative Council of India, the Bombay Chamber of Commerce, and the Bombay Spinners and Manufacturer's Association would perhaps not have been sufficient had it not been for the fact that two eminent men who had been Secretaries of State for India and had held Cabinet offices under a Liberal Government had chosen to raise their voices in the House of Lords against the measure of free trade which was demanded. There could be no doubt that the idea which had prevailed in Parliament that the Liberal party, as a great party, was opposed to the repeal of the duties, had been a great difficulty in the way of the efforts of those who represented the views of that meeting; but he was happy to say that the conclusion drawn upon the subject by the Duke of Argyll and Lord Halifax with reference to the policy of the party of which they were members was the wrong conclusion, and that in the forthcoming debate the policy advocated by that meeting would be supported by men of eminence connected with both of the great political parties. (Applause.) They had therefore made a great advance upon the position they held last year. But there was a difficulty in the way of Lord Salisbury, arising from the conditions which he had attached to his mode of removing the duties, which could not be overcome except by the adoption on his part of a new policy, a policy to the effect that the duty should be removed—(applause)—irrespective of the state of the Indian revenue. He (the Chairman) said that advisedly, because those present who joined the deputation to Lord Salisbury were aware that last year they were promised a repeal of the duties as soon as the state of the revenue would allow. They had now the closed accounts for the year 1675-76—Lord Salisbury had then before him only the budget account, which excluded all famine expenditure, for none was estimated for,—and they showed a surplus of £5,000,000. No doubt he thought that out of a surplus of £506,000, which might or might not be realised, he could not promise to give up anything to them; but about the third month in the year the budget estimates for the year were before the public, and they showed a largely increased surplus, laying aside the famine expenditure, of nearly £2,000,000. They had now by the last telegram from India the closed accounts for the year, and they showed a surplus, leaving out the famine expenditure, of £2,265,000—(applause),—and over and above the cost of the famine of £1,669,000; so that, according to the promise given by Lord Salisbury, the closed accounts of the year 1875-6 justified that meeting in demanding the repeal of the duties. (Applause.) They might ask why nothing was done. Owing to the peculiar manner in which Indian accounts were set before the public, Lord Salisbury had before him another budget estimate which was for the year 1876-7 and that showed asurplus of only £144,000. Lord Salisbury might say therefore, "In the current year for which we have no closed accounts, or for which we have no Financial Minister of India's statement, we show a surplus so insignificant that it may readily be turned into a deficit." We had now, however, by the last telegram from India, a regular estimate, which, laying aside the famine expenditure, showed a surplus of £624,800, so that the budget estimate had increased by about £500,000, and the probability was that when the final accounts were closed £1,000,000 more might have to be added to the account. Looking to the year 1874-5, the budget estimate of that year showed a deficiency of £1,388,000, while the closed accounts showed a surplus of £319,000. (Hear, hear.) There was a difference of nearly one and three quarter million between the budget estimate and the closed accounts of that year. Under the circumstances it was utterly impossible to ascertain what the actual state of the Indian revenue was at any particular time, and if they ever wished to get rid of these duties they could only do so by insisting that they should be repealed forthwith because they were unjustifiable and protective, helped to transfer an important English industry to India, and because statesmen of all political parties had agreed to condemn protective duties of every character whenever they approached within their reach. In addition to the budget account, they had the statement of the policy which General Strachey recommended to the Legislative Council of India. He purposed to transfer from the account of ordinary expenditure £1,200,000 to the account of the ordinary revenue of the country, and he meant to divide the account of ordinary expenditure year by year into two. He meant to divide that portion of the extraordinary expenditure which was purely and simply expenditure upon railways and canals into what he might choose to style profitable and unprofitable; to borrow money to pay for the profitable expenditure, and to devote the ordinary revenue to what was unprofitable. He (the Chairman) could conceive no scheme better calculated to give them an imaginary Indian finance. (Applause.) About £100,000,000 seemed to have been spent upon Indian railways, and the revenue derived from that expenditure was 3½ per cent. He asked whether property which returned 3½ per cent. should be regarded in the same light as money spent upon the payment of soldiers or upon the support of those suffering from famine; whether it should be regarded as simply waste and not as a national asset? In this country we had spent £630,000,000 in railways, which expenditure gave a return of nearly 4½ per cent.; and if they were to estimate the value of that property from the price at which its shares now stood in the share list, they would probably find that it was worth £800,000,000. He thought that if the owners of that property were to be told that they should strike out of their ledgers the value it represented and regard it as so much waste, they would say that the proposition was altogether preposterous. The fact was that the value of the Indian Railways was a growing value; and he had no doubt whatever that, as they were adequately and wisely managed, they would return a very satisfactory dividend and pay well the owners of the property and the Government of India. He thought, therefore, that it was perfectly absurd and preposterous that the railways and canals should be built out of the revenue and that the Lancashire cotton industry should be deprived of the relief to which it was entitled in order to pay for those Indian works. (Applause.) With reference to the famine charges of India, he thought, the right course to pursue would be that Indian statesmen should ascertain by their experience the annual amount that would provide the means of paying for the relief of Indian famine, and then that they should levy a tax upon the property and wealth of India of sufficient magnitude to relieve that species of distress. He thought it could not be expected that the people of England, who relieved their own poor and met their own difficulties, should be content to have their trade obstructed with a view to the relief of Indian famine. The surplus of the last three years would not be over-estimated at £3,817,000; and they were entitled to demand that, with a surplus over and above the famine expenditure and the construction of railways and bridges of £3,817,000, the promises made by Lord Salisbury should be fulfilled, and to insist that the duties should be repealed. (Applause.)

Mr. R. Haworth moved—"That this meeting, although lamenting the distress of our Indian fellow-subjects, and the strain upon the revenue of India caused by the famine, does not accept these facts or any other Indian financial exigency as a justification for the continuance of a protective duty injurious alike to the Indian population and to the cotton trade of Great Britain." He said things had been so managed as to always show a financial necessity for the maintenance of the duty, but it had continued long after that financial necessity had ceased to exist. (Applause.) Had there been a sincere and honest desire on the part of the Legislative Council of India to repeal it, such a step could have been taken without the slightest difficulty long since. There seemed, however, to be a fixed determination on their part to keep it as long as possible, and in that course they had been somewhat strengthened by the action pursued by the two noblemen referred to by the Chairman, and unfortunately by some members of the House of Commons from whom better things might have been expected. (Applause.)

Mr. W. Kilner (chairman of the North-east Lancashire Operative Spinners' Association) seconded the resolution which was supported by Mr. Alderman Hutchinson (Blackburn), and passed.

Mr. E. Birley (Preston) moved—"That if India is to face occasional expenditure from such purely Indian incidents as famine or disturbance in the value of her metallic currency, the legitimate remedy is to be found in such a readjustment of Indian taxation as shall throw these burthens of Indian rule upon the Indian people, and not upon the industrious population of England."

Mr. W. Leigh (treasurer of the Associated Federation of Cotton Operatives of Lancashire) seconded the motion. It was supported by Mr. J. S. Grimshaw (Accrington), and passed.

Mr. Alderman Wallis (Stockport) moved—"That as the Indian budget of Sir John Strachey owns, setting aside famine expenditure, a largely realised and partly estimated surplus of revenue over expenditure for the three years 1875-6to1877-8 of £3,817,761,and as it is not just that the cost of Indian famine relief should be met by an impost which has the double effect of disouraging the utility of trade of England and stimulating the rival factory industry of India, the time has become for the fulfilment of Lord Salisbury's promise that the first Indian surplus should be devoted to the repeal of Indian import duties on cotton goods and yarns." He said they would find it necessary, whether they liked it or not, to say to the party in power, "You must make up your minds to repeal these duties, which are destroying the coarse trade of Lancashire, or you must make up your minds to go out of office, no matter to what party you belong, and leave it to others to carry out the promises made." If they maintained the position they had maintained for the last two years—a kind of passive, waiting and expecting position—nothing would be done.

Mr. T. Banks (secretary to the Preston Cotton Spinners' association) seconded the resolution, which was supported by Mr. E. Walmsley (Stockport), and passed.

Mr. R. S. Buckley (Mosley) moved—"That the thanks of this meeting be given to Mr. Birley, Mr. Sidebottom, and Mr. Briggs for the able speeches they made in defence of our interest during the House of Commons debates on the Indian Budget last year; and to Mr. Birley for having again given notice of a motion intended to procure the repeal of the Indian import duty on cotton goods."

The Chairman explained that several other members, including Sir Thomas Bazley, Bart., M.P., Mr. Jacob Bright, M.P., and Mr. J. K. Cross, M.P., were desirous of speaking upon the question, but were unable to do so.—The resolution was seconded by Mr. T. Birtwistle (the secretary to the Weavers' Society for East Lancashire), and adopted.

On the motion of Mr. T. S. Ashton, seconded by Mr. T. Fenton (Blackburn), a vote of thanks was passed to the press for the assistance they had rendered in furthering the views of the Associated Committee.

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